

ALICE IN LOUDOUN LAND

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NARRATOR: Alice was beginning to get very tired of sitting by her sister on the bank, and of having nothing to do; once or twice she peeped into the book her sister was reading, but it had no pictures or conversation in it, "and what is the use of a book without pictures or conversation?" Alice decided to make a daisy chain, but would it be worth getting up to pick daisies? Suddenly a white rabbit with pink eyes ran past her. Now there was nothing so remarkable about that except that the rabbit took a watch out of his waistcoat pocket, and he was actually talking to himself. She jumped to her feet, and burning with curiosity, ran across the field after the rabbit just in time to see him pop down a large hole. In another moment down went Alice after him. She kept falling and falling----down, down, down----Where was she?

Rabbit: Hey, little girl! Are you following me?

NARRATOR: To which Alice replied, "Oh, please Mr. Rabbit, I seem to be lost! My name is Alice and could you please tell me just where I am? I'm sure I've never been here before----Where am I?"

RABBIT: What ! Never been here before? My dear little girl, you are in the County of Loudoun. Why, we could call you "Alice in Loudoun Land" and these pretty Misses can be your Charms. (Motions for Charms to appear from behind trees.) They dance.

ALICE: (Claps hands.)

RABBIT: Perhaps before I show you around I'd better tell you how it all started. You know, the story of Loudoun County. Let's sit here by the Potomac and rest awhile. (sits down)

NARRATOR: Where today a great county stretches its farms and buildings, industries, and business offices, there once stood a virgin wilderness. Here lived the Red Men.

RECORD PLAYER -----Indian Dance

PRIMARY ----(pitch tents and do a dance.)

Glee Club: (Indian Love Call).

ALICE: My, that was pretty. Go on, what happened next? Who came after the Red Men?

RABBIT: Well, Quakers came and settled in Waterford and Lincoln. They were very serious and quiet people. Their dignity has left its stamp on our county. Here they come all dressed in their plain costumes. (Quakers enter and sit down on small stools.)

Then came the Cavaliers. They were a gay crowd. They liked dancing and parties. They had fine homes and servants around Middleburg and Leesburg. (Virginia Reel)

Lastly, the hard working Germans came and settled on farms at Lovettsville. (Laborers enter)

Milk-Maid Dance-----and Churn-----4th.--5th. grades.)

CHARM: That was exciting Mr. Rabbit. Don't stop there----go on, please.

RABBIT: Ha, Ha, not so fast young lady. There is more. Loudoun County supplied troops to the Continental Army during the Revolutionary

War, even if some couldn't speak English and the commands had to be given in German.

Production Parade of Wooden Soldiers - Primary

CHARM: Oh, yes the folk of Loudoun Land have always been patriotic.

NARRATOR: Yes, not only were the men folk patriotic but the women were too. In the War of 1812, Dolly Madison, wife of President James Madison, gathered together important documents along with a famous portrait of George Washington and brought them to Leesburg for safe keeping. There they remained intact while the Capital was being burned by the British.

GLEE CLUB: (America The Beautiful)
Production - Dolly Madison - displays George Washington's Picture

Flag Bearer displays the flag. - (New Silk Flag)

CHARM: I bet that same patriotism carried over through the War between the States.

NARRATOR: Yes, Loudoun Land was the scene of quite a bit of action with the army of the Potomac crossing the river twice at Lovettsville.

CHARM: But didn't Col. Mosby's horse give them a hard time?

NARRATOR: Hard time? I should say so. There wasn't a yankee soldier who didn't jump whenever he passed a big sycamore tree for fear one of Mosby's men would be hiding behind it. On the other hand, the Loudoun Rangers, the two companies recruited for the Union Side from Loudoun Land worried the Confederate Side almost as much.

CHARM: But didn't anything important ever happen at Hillsboro?

RABBIT: It sure did! Why, just up the road stands a marker designating the birthplace of Susan Koerner Wright. She was the mother of Wilbur and Orville Wright, inventors of the airplane.

GLEE CLUB: Airforce Song. Small children throw paper airplanes in audience.

NARRATOR: And then there's Purcellville, too--One of our larger towns. It doesn't date back so far but its history is no less interesting. Purcellville was founded, like our Country, for religious reasons----- Bush Meetings were held there. As a matter of fact, its spiritual growth continues even today.

GLEE CLUB: Jacob's Ladder
Were You There?

ALICE: Loudoun Land is truly a marvelous spot.

RABBIT: Yes, and it is known nationally and internationally, too for its wonderful thoroughbred horses and fashionable fox hunts.

PRODUCTION: Cape Town Races - Stephen Foster

NARRATOR: Yes, it not only has grown spiritually, but politically, economically, and socially. Loudoun County has a population of 21,147 with seven incorporated towns, although it is chiefly an agricultural county producing dairy products, beef cattle, lambs, pigs, poultry, eggs, fruits, and hay and grain.

GLEE CLUB: (Old MacDonald Had a Farm)

Square Dance.

CHARM: What about your beautiful apple and cherry trees that bloom in the spring.

NARRATOR: Well, Loudoun County can't compete with the Winchester area for apple production or our neighboring county for cherry production but our orchards are beautiful and provide a pretty setting for -----

PRODUCTIONS-----Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree - 4th and 5th.
Billy Boy. 2nd & 3rd. grades

ALICE: Indeed, I'm glad I came in the Spring. I guess many a romance has budded, blossomed and ripened in the remote corners of the orchards. I have had such a lovely visit. I shall never forget your Loudoun Land, Mr. Rabbit, and before I go will you please always remember me as your
ALICE IN LOUDOUN LAND.

RABBIT: Why Alice, it has been a pleasure to show you my land. I'm sorry that you couldn't meet some of the nice people, but then of course you understand that would be embarrassing for me as I'm just a plain old rabbit to them. So your sister won't be worried I'd better be showing you the way back-----Come now-----

Loudoun

NARRATOR: And so Alice leaves ~~Jefferson~~ Land---A land of great historic background scenic beauty, and industry---Good bye, Alice.

↓ I really made a big mistake didn't I?

Dear Mr Emerick

I'm sending
a copy of the
Music Festival
Script. I hope
you and Mrs.
Emerick can
attend.

Will you
please show
it to Miss Ruth

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and other members
of your staff; they
may want to come
too.

It will be
on May 13th. at
8:00 p. m.

Sincerely,
Margaret Bloom

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